

## STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

### PRESENT:

Cllr D Craig

Cllr B Thompson, Cllr D Ellwood, Cllr M Brewin, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr W Wearmouth  
Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs H Maddison, Cllr Miss F Graham, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff,  
Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr Miss J Carrick

S Anderson Clerk

### 10060

#### Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs S Thompson

### 10061

#### To receive any declarations of Interest from Members

None received

### 10062

#### Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Page 3 point 11 It should read, A letter from a representative on the behalf of the graziers  
Minutes were signed as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman

### 10063

#### Police and the Community

No Police were in attendance

### 10064

#### Matters Arising

1. **LICENSING APPLICATION** – The Licensing Department has been contacted and it makes no difference if the name of the lodge has been changed. The applicant's details are the same.
2. **SMIDDY BURN BRIDGE, STANHOPE COMMON** – The Enforcement Officer is unable to assist the Parish Council. DCC only deal with the conditional planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act and not any other consents required under separate legislation. A notice has been received that Footpath 74 will be temporarily closed for six months from 1<sup>st</sup> May to enable the works to demolish and rebuild the bridge. There is no alternative route available for pedestrian traffic
3. **FLOWER TUBS AND BEDS** – D Gillett and J Bennett thank the members for the good comments for which they are really grateful
4. **CROSSHILL ALLOTMENTS** – Another complaint was made regarding the escaping hens. The remaining hens will be re-homed and the tenant has given the plot up. The plot needs tidying up and old sheds taken down before it can be let. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact S Makepeace to sort the plot out

5. **STREET LIGHTING ENERGY REDUCTION PROJECT** – The Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project has come to the end of the programme. In the immediate short term there are no plans to change the lights in the villages. Long term all lights will need to be renewed eventually and LED is likely to be the preferred option
6. **IMPROVING 7 DAY ACCESS** - The original consultation was scheduled to run from 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 until 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Following feedback from stakeholders the CCG extended the consultation until 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The CCG is now considering the recommendations of the independent consultation report in advance of publication, which is expected in May. The details of the meeting held in public where the CCG will consider the recommendations of the report and make a final decision will be published on the CCG website and in the local press.
7. **RAILWAY LINE** – M Ogden and the WAAP will attend the Parish Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July to discuss the possibility of a footpath/bridleway on the disused railway line between Stanhope and Eastgate. Cllr Wearmouth feels that not many cyclists would use the track due to dog walkers. Cllr Ellwood has been approached about the possibility of a footpath from the platform at the Frosterley Station to Kenneth’s Bridge approx. 40m. If the manager of the Railway would attend the July meeting, then a discussion would be welcome with all parties. **Resolved:** Clerk to invite the Manager of the Railway to the July meeting
8. **FROSTERLEY PARKING** – I have received another complaint regarding the obstruction of the footpath in Frosterley by certain vehicles parking on the footpath and residents having to go onto the road to get passed. Cllr Brewin mentioned this to the Police, but advisory notices have not been put on the cars yet. Cllr Mrs Maddison mentioned that there is no easy answer to the parking as the cars have to park somewhere. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the police again
9. **WOLSINGHAM SCHOOL** – The councillors were disappointed that R Crane had not sent a reply to the questions that he was asked at the last meeting. A discussion took place that the option of the academy was the best way forward but not all councillors thought it was. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC for the answers to the questions

## 10065

### Correspondence Received

1. DCC are planning to install some cycle parking in Stanhope next to the seats in front of the church. There will be two cycle stands which will provide four parking spaces. The area concerned is owned by the church and the comments that I received I sent to the Sustainable Travel Officer by the deadline date of 12<sup>th</sup> April. Some of the concerns raised were answered. They could install removable rails which can be removed when the fair is there in September. There are already stands in the Dales Centre so these ones would be additional to them. The stands under the Lime Trees are poorly positioned and not to the standards that are installed now. These stands could be taken out and positioned under the village finger posts instead.
2. An enquiry came in from the website asking who is responsible for the pavements along High Street and the Doctors Surgery. DCC are responsible so a reply was sent back straight away
3. There is an opportunity for parish councils and community organisations to obtain some funding from the £3m the Government is making available for the refurbishment of village halls. It is hoped to help 100 buildings across the country through this scheme. S Ragg has sent a link to find out more about this scheme **Resolved:** Clerk to send to all councillors
4. The War Memorials Grant Scheme is providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials. Grants will normally be for up to a maximum of 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum grant of £30,000. The next closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

5. There has been a letter via the website mentioning that the Community Centre in Stanhope is not mentioned. **Resolved:** Community Centre to be added to the website
6. A letter has been received from some worried residents of Weardale concerning the Ambulance Car at St Johns Chapel being downgraded and made into a Community Paramedic Vehicle. Apparently, it will not respond to all emergency calls in Weardale like it has done. Another concern is that the vehicle could be based at another station and not at St John's Chapel due to staffing issues. Once again the safety of people in the dale is being risked without any consultation. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the Ambulance Service
7. A letter has been received from a resident of Westgate who is concerned about the number of peacocks roaming freely. They were left when some people moved to a new house so belong to no one. DCC have been contacted and the only suggestion they had was an Animal Sanctuary. Can the Parish Council help in anyway or have any suggestions? **Resolved:** Councillors suggested the RSPCA
8. The County Training Partnership is providing a full day training course for Councillors on 19<sup>th</sup> June in Yarm. This is aimed at new and experienced councillors. Closing date is 10<sup>th</sup> June
9. S Ragg has sent the details of the UK Dementia Meeting Centre Support Programme: Pioneer Workshop being held in Newcastle on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The workshop starts at 13.00 and will end at 16.45 The Association of Dementia Studies at the University of Worcester has been awarded funding from the National Lottery to help local communities across the UK to set up Meeting Centres in their areas. The workshop is designed to help people think about and plan how a Meeting Centre might work in their community. The venue is Newcastle University, Seminar Room, Baddiley Clark Building, Newcastle
10. Velo North is visiting County Durham on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September with road closures in Weardale. If it is organised well then, the cycling event will come again it's a small inconvenience for one day. At the moment there is not much fizz about it on twitter. It will cause an inconvenience for people trying to go to work

## 10066

### Planning Matters

DM/19/01090/FPA – DM/19/01091/LB  
 Change of use from funeral directors (A2) to dwelling (C3)  
 5 Market Place  
 Stanhope  
 Mr M McMonigle

DM/19/01179/FPA  
 Single storey extension  
 3 Wear Terrace  
 Stanhope  
 Mr & Mrs M Hanson

DM/19/01169/FPA  
 Porch and rear extension  
 6 Woodcroft Gardens  
 Stanhope  
 Mr A Robinson

DM/19/01183/FPA  
Demolition of part of dwelling and extension opposite  
New access to land, stables, hay store and equestrian area  
Hood Street  
St Johns Chapel  
Mr A Headlam

**10067**

**Parish Council Website**

The Community Centre to be mentioned under the Villages Section on the website

**10068**

**Finance**

1. St Andrews Church, Westgate would like to apply for the annual Churchyard maintenance grant **Resolved:** It was agreed to send £300
2. The Parish Council will be continuing with the Village Hall Grant of £500, villages to apply
3. The Annual Internal Audit Report for 2018/19 was read out
4. Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 was approved and signed by the chairman and the clerk
5. Approval of Accounting Statements 2018/19 was approved and signed by the chairman and the clerk

**10069**

**Risk Assessment**

The Risk Assessment was discussed **Resolved:** It was agreed to add Data Breach to the list, the risk being breach of data this would be a low risk.

**10070**

**AAP Report**

Cllr Thompson reported that the appraisal meeting of the small grants had taken place and out of £20,000 only £30 was left. A celebration of ten years of the AAP's had taken place at Hardwick Hall, they have brought money into the dale. The next meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> May commencing at 6pm

**10071**

**CDALC**

Nothing to report

**10072**

**Accounts for Payment**

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Npower Northern Ltd        | £1471.81 |
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| JRB Enterprise             | £537.60  |
| BT Clerks Phone Bill       | £153.05  |
| CDALC Membership           | £626.25  |
| Wave Daddry Shield Toilets | £38.83   |

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| S Anderson Salary            | £710.31         |
| HM Rev PAYE                  | £16.00          |
| S Anderson Expenses          | £71.84          |
| S Anderson Home as Office    | £35.00          |
| Npower – Ashcroft Playground | £61.94          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>£3870.12</b> |

### 10073

#### New matters for discussion

1. Cllr Blackett mentioned footpath 13 that there is a stile near to Wearhead Bridge that needs repairing. The trees also need looking at as they have been damaged due to weathering. Cllr Blackett pointed out that there is a footpath that intersects the footpath and is still on the map but it has never been a footpath. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the footpath officer with Cllr Blackett's contact details
2. Cllr Ellwood would like a discussion with the Railway regarding a footpath **Resolved:** Clerk to write
3. Cllr Mrs Humble would like the photographs of the new play equipment put onto the website **Resolved:** Clerk to get help from Northgate
4. The new councillors will need to have their photographs taken and details put onto the website **Resolved:** Clerk to arrange to have this done
5. The water trough needs cleaning out west of Ridgemount on the low road to Cowshill **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Hunt
6. The gully sucker is needed to do all the drains from Burtreeford opposite the Cemetery. On the Cowshill / Allenheads road from Dales Farm to Coglea road end there is a drain blocked. All the drains on the A689 from Cowshill to Killhope top need the gully sucker **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
7. Cllr Mrs Maddison mentioned when was Carole Dillon attending the meeting and it will be the June meeting
8. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that there is a caravan parked on the layby by the Ford. The Police are aware of this and the person is homeless at the moment
9. The kerbs at the Town Hall, St Johns Chapel need repairing, and the cobbles need a good clean. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff has already reported this needs doing **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
10. Cllr Miss Carrick would like to know what happens to the flowers that are taken out of the tubs and beds. Instead of them being thrown away they could be planted somewhere else **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Gillett
11. There are three tubs on the green at the Town Hall, St John's Chapel and the shrubs have died. The tubs need replanting **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Gillett
12. Cllr Craig would like to report that the roadside trees have not been cut out yet **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Gillett

**10074**  
**Clerks Business**  
Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at  
7.00pm

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